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THE BIRDS OF KILLINGWORTH

"You can call them thieves and pillagers; but know, They are the winged wardens of your farms, Who from the cornfields drive the insidious foe, And from your harvests keep a hundred harms; Even the blackest of them all, the crow, Renders good service as your man-at-arms, Chushing the beetle in his coat-of-mail, And crying havoc on the slug and snail."

Excerpt from The Birds of Killingworth
"Tales of a Wayside Inn"
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
An early conservation poem, 1863

JULY U. C. CAMPUS — TRIP

On Saturday, July 28th, thirty members and friends met at the west entrance of the University and hiked thru the campus, up Strawberry canyon to the Botanical gardens, under the leadership of Arthur H. Myer. The weather was perfect, cool for hiking and warm and sunny at lunch time.

The following 36 birds were seen or heard;

Red-tl. and sparrow hawk; Calif. quail; mourn. dove; Anna and Allen hummingbird; bltd. kingfisher; red-sh. flicker; hairy and downy woodpecker; west. wood pewee; olive-sd. flycatcher; cliff swallow; Stellar and scrub jay;

ch-bk. chickadee; pl. titmouse; bush-tit red-br. nuthatch; wren-tit; robin; olive-bk. (russet) thrush; Hutton vireo; pileo. warbler; Brewer blackbird; bk.-hd. grosbeak; purple and house finch; pine siskin; Amer. and lesser (gr.-bk.) goldfinch; sp. and br. towhee; Ore. junco; wh.-cr. and song sparrow.

— ALISON BERRY, Historian.

AUGUST — DUMBARTON BRIDGE — TRIP

On Sunday, August 12th about 34 members and guests, some from San Jose and Santa Clara met at the east approach of the Dumbarton Bridge, for a warm sunny day of bird observation.

The numerous phalaropes seen last year near the K. G. O. grounds had located this year, in the pools to the west of the toll plaza, so were seen only by those who came or went that way.

The Caspian tern colony was again visited and many young in all stages of development were observed. Only two eggs were seen at this late date, and these were probably infertile.

Habitat limitations held the list down to 46 species as follows;

Eared grebe
Pied-billed grebe
White pelican
Double-cr. cormorant
Great blue heron
Black-cr. night heron
American egret
Snowy egret
Pintail
Shoveller
Scaup
Turkey vulture
Marsh hawk
Sparrow hawk
Ringed (semipalm) plover
Black-bellied plover

Killdeer
Black turnstone
Long-billed curlew
Hudsonian curlew
Willet
Spotted sandpiper
Least sandpiper
Western sandpiper
Godwit
American avocet
Northern phalarope
California gull
Bonaparte gull
Forster tern
Caspian tern
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Black tern
Hummingbird (sp.?)
Pewee (?)
Horned lark
Barn swallow
Cliff swallow
Loggerhead shrike
House sparrow
Western meadowlark
Bicolored blackbird
Brewer blackbird
House finch
Savannah sparrow
White-crowned sparrow

Song sparrow

[—] CARLYLE SATHER, Leader and Historian

AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS SERIES

Laurel Reynolds will give the first of the series, "Western Discovery", on October 16th, at the Berkeley High School Little Theatre. The circular with full information will be mailed in a few days to all those who have requested it. If you were not a subscriber last year and wish to be, send your name and names of interested friends at once to Mr. Gale Richardson, Bank of America, Richmond, Calif.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES. "The Bird's Year" by Arthur A. Allen, National Geographic, June 1951; "Freezing the Flight of Hummingibrds" by Edgerton, Niedrach and Riper, National Geographic, August 1951.

"The CAHOW (Bermudian petrel) Still Lives" by Robert C. and Grace E. B. Murphy, Natural Science, April 1951; "Build a Healthy Acre" by Louis Bromfield; "Bungalow-Building Bats" by Kenneth W. Vinton, Natural History June, 1951.

"Nature Sanctuaries in the United States and Canada". A preliminary inventory. A 46 page publication by "The Living Wilderness" volume 15 number 35. "The committee on the study of plant and animal communities has been working specially on this project for the last 12 years".

An interesting and informative booklet, describing not only the fauna and flora but also the natural characteristics of each locality.

OBSERVATIONS Edited by Junea W. Kelly

One Baird sandpiper, July 26, Albany Marshes, A. Laurence Curl.

One-hundred Northern phalaropes, August 17, in pool south side of Doolittle Road, Bay Farm Island, Junea W. Kelly.

NEW MEMBERS. We welcome the following; from San Francisco, Mr. C. M. Fennell, Mr. Joel T. Hedgpeth, Mrs. G. Stanley Kulp, Dr. James B. Runner, Mrs. Orval Tadlock; from Oakland, Mrs. Margaret S. Neubacher; from Berkeley, Mrs. C. T. Morton, Miss Laura Weeks, Mr. James Ziegler; from Piedmont, Mrs. David E. Froehlich.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The 408th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on September 13th in the garden of Dr. and Mrs. T. Eric Reynolds, 140 Estates Drive, Piedmont.

At six o'clock a supper will be enjoyed (see enclosed card) after which a lively "Information Please" with Dr. Charles G. Sibley as moderator and a "panel of experts" including A. Laurence Curl, Bert Harwell, David G. Nichols and Dr. T. Eric Reynolds, will answer the questions you sent in.

Bus 18 on Franklin St. Oakland goes out Park Blvd. Get off at Leimert St. and continue on Park Blvd. one block to Estates Drive, then two blocks to 140. Send reservations by enclosed post-card at once for yourself and guests.

DOROTHY DEAN SCOTT, Program Chairman

SEPTEMBER LAKE MERCED TRIP

On Saturday, September 15, to Fleishhacker Playfield and Zoo, Lake Merced and probably other areas in southeastern San Francisco. Meet at the entrance to Playfield at 8:30. The "L" car is the best approach. Leader Edward A. Mayers, WE. 1-2447. Bring binoculars, telescope, lunch if desired, and interested friends.

SEPTEMBER BAY FARM ISLAND TRIP

On Sunday, September 30, to Bay Farm Island, Alameda. This is undoubtedly the best place in the Bay area for shore birds. Meet at Lincoln Park (Santa Clara and High Streets) in Alameda at 12:30 (standard time), or if you bring lunch, at 11:45. From San Francisco take "O" bus at 11:30. Leader, Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, LA. 2-7084. Bring lunch if desired, binoculars, telescope, and interested friends.

A. LAURENCE CURL, Field Trips Chairman

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